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**MANCHESTER MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO  
IMPORTATION AND DISTRIBUTION OF STEROIDS**

**CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE:** Kevin Thompson, 30, pleaded guilty in the U.S. District Court to an Information charging him with introducing into interstate commerce anabolic steroids which were misbranded pursuant to FDA regulations; illegally importing and distributing the steroids in the United States; and illegally transferring funds from the United States to other countries to purchase the steroids.

Specifically, Thompson engaged in a scheme where he wired money orders from various supermarkets in New Hampshire to countries such as Moldova, China, Poland, Greece and Lebanon in order to illegally purchase and import thousands of steroid pills for sale in the United States. A federal search warrant was executed at his residence in Manchester where federal law enforcement officers recovered documents relating to shipments to customers, 680 vials of various human growth hormones and 29,000 pills of various steroids. Also thousands of steroids were recovered by Immigration and Custom Enforcement agents in international packages mailed to Thompson.

A sentencing hearing will be held on August 31, 2006 in the United States District Court.

U.S. Attorney Tom Colantuono stated: "This office will continue to work with federal, state and local law enforcement agencies to combat the illegal trafficking of controlled substances. Misbranded drugs of any kind, including steroids, pose a health danger to the community. Those who choose to profit from the illegal sales of these substances can be expect to be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law."

U.S. Attorney Colantuono thanked Resident Agent in Charge of the Food and Drug Administration Office of Criminal Investigations Boston Field Office Mark Dragonetti, United States Postal Inspection Service Inspector in Charge Peter Zegarac, Department of Homeland Security Customs and Immigration Enforcement Special Agent in Charge Matthew J. Etre, Internal Revenue Service Special Agent in Charge Stephen Bellingerri, and June W. Stansbury, the Special Agent in Charge of the Boston Field Office of the Drug Enforcement Administration for their agencies' cooperation and investigation of this case. The case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Mark Irish.